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before the words "the longitudinal axis." Line 12 between the words "said groove" and "said shaft" the word [on] is deleted and the words – within the circumference – inserted.

Finally, the method of showing the Amendments to the claims is corrected to show deletions in brackets and insertions are underlined.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsiders and reexamines claims 17 and 19, as amended. These amendments were made with a view to overcoming the Examiner's rejection of the referenced claims. Applicant believes that the amendment to the claims is consistent with the Examiner's suggestions.

Applicant hereby submits new claims 20 and 21 for examination. The new claims are specifically written to include at least one spiral groove within the uniform diameter encompassing the longitudinal axis of the bristle.

In the Office Action dated August 28, 2007 Applicant was advised that claims 17 and 19 should be noted as "currently amended." Applicant has amended the Amendment to correct the designation of claims as required.

Accordingly, the application will be amended as follows: